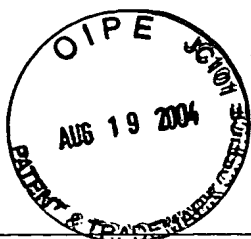


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RCE #648

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/591,472
	Filing Date	06/09/2000
	First Named Inventor	Boland
	Art Unit	2645
	Examiner	Escalante, Ovidio
	Attorney Docket No.	LUTZ 2 00135 Boland 8-2-15-2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on
- ii. ☒ Amendment B after Final (filed June 17, 2004)
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a request a **2-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- c. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

(The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any overpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 (large entity) enclosed.
- c. ☒ Check in the amount of \$420.00 (large entity) to cover the applicable extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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